THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) The Summit Level Group for South-South Consultation and Cooperation (G-15) that met in Caracas from 27-29 November, 1991. adopted a Joint Communique putting forward their point of view on major international economic issues and embodying decisions to promote South-South Cooperation through specific projects.

It also decided a series of follow up measures to coordinate future activities of the G-15. India articulated the position of the G-15 countries on the evolution of a consensus on ensuring that development remained at the centre of international attention and that modalities were found to place the issues of economic development and international cooperation at the centre of multilateral agenda. This was fully reflected in the Joint Communique adopted at the Caracas Summit. A list of the Indian delegation to the Caracas Summit is attached as statement. (*See* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Statement

Composition of the Indian delegation to the G-15 Summit Caracas

1. Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, Prime Minister.
2. Shri Madhavsinh Solanki, Minister of External Affairs.
3. Shri A.N. Varma, Principal Secretary to PM.
4. Shri J.N. Dixit, then Foreign Secretary-designate, Now F.S.

Shri I. Rammohan Rao, Principal Information Officer.

6. Ms. Arundhati Ghose, Additional Secretary (ER). MEA.
7. Shri Shyam Saran, Joint Secretary PMO.
8. Shri Swashpawan Singh, Director (EAMO), MEA.
9. Shri Alok Prasad, Director, PMO.
10. Shri H.S. Puri, Director (MER), MEA.

1Shri Dilip Sinha, OSD (PR), MEA.

12. Shri Ramu Damodaran, PS to PM.

Transfer of Soviet made tanks by Saudi Arabia to Pakistan

2570. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Saudi Arabia has gifted and transferred to Pakistan 300 Soviet made T 62 and T 72 tanks captured intact in the last Gulf War ;

(b) whether the gift had the approval of the Pentagon and of other Gulf countries participating in the war against Iraq ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the kinds of facilities with which the tanks were equipped ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (d) According to reports a certain number of Soviet made tanks captured from Iraq by US led multinational coalition forces were shipped to Karachi. Pakistan from Dammam, Saudi Arabia. In response to our enquiries in the matter on these reports could not be confirmed.

Review of Indira-Mujib Pact

2571. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indira-Mujib Pact may be modified to provide civilian transit right to Bangladesh citizens in perpetuity without leasing out Tin Bigha in perpetuity to Bangladesh thereby having just a national soverignty over Tin Bigha an Indian territory ;

(b) whether the question of the special method ensuring the unfettered right of Indian citizens of Kuchlibari of passage to other Indian areas through Tin Bigha has been finalised; and

(c) if not, whether no move would be taken to implement Indira-Mujib Pact in this regard unless the right of Indian citizens could be protected regarding their link with adjoining Indian territories ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) The Government are committed to immpleenting the 1974 Land Boundary Agreement signed by the

Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh which provides. *Inter alia*, for the leasing in perpetuity of an area measuring 178 metres X 85 metres near Tin Bigha, to Bangladesh.

(b) The 1982 Lease Agreement provides the terms of the lease in perpetuity of Tin Bigha to Bangladesh as also the Indian citizens right of free and unfettered access across the corrider. The modalities regarding the implementation of the Lease Agreement have yet to be finalised.

(c) The right of Indian citizens to free and unfettered access across the Tin Bigha Corrider is ensured in terms of the 1974 and 1982 Agreements.

Opening of Portuguese Cultural Centre in Goa

2572. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have cleared a proposal from Portuguese Embassy in India to have a Cultural Centre and Consulate in Goa, in view of great demand among Goans to visit Portugal to see their relatives ; and

(b) if so, by when this mission is likely to be opened there and what will be its jurisdiction ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) While Government has conned approval in principle to the proposal to establish a Portuguese cultural centre in Goa. no date for its opening has been decided. The proposal for the opening of a Protuguese Consulate in Goa has not yet been cleared.

Demands of the workers of Kandla Port

2573. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA;
SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARALA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is going to visit Kandla Port in near future ;

(b) whether Kandla Port workers have submitted their demands to the port trust authorities and to his Ministry; and

(c) if so, what are their demands and what is the response of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No programme has been drawn up as yet.

(b) and (c) The Kandla Port Trust workers have been raising demands from time to time through their registered trade unions as well as through their associations not registered under the Trade Unions Act. A statement indicating the main demands raised by them as well as action thereon is annexed.

Statement

Demands	Action taken
(1) Absorption of daily rated workers in the Port on regular establishment.	630 daily rated workers have been absorbed in the regular establishment so far in 8 reviews,conducted during the span of 18 years.
(2) Providing of employment on compassionate grounds to the next of kin of employees who died while in service.	Guidelines on the subject issued by the Government from time to time are being followed.
(3) Allotmant of residential plots in Gandhi Dham to Port Trust employees.	Allotment of plots to port employees is being done in accordance with the Land Policy of the Ports.